

New s. Tunis, Bahrain envoys named

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (R)—President Carter today named two foreign service officers to be the new U.S. ambassadors to Tunisia and Bahrain. Stephen Bosworth, Assistant Secretary of State for International Resources and Food Policy, was named to the post. Robert Pelletreau, Deputy Chief of Mission in Syria for the past three years, was nominated to head the U.S. embassy in Tunis. The nominations are subject to Senate confirmation.

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Commando leader killed in Beirut

BEIRUT, Jan. 22 (R)—A Palestinian commando leader was killed tonight, along with four of his aides, when a radio-controlled bomb exploded in West Beirut. The Fatah commando organisation said in a statement that Ali Hassan Salameh (Abu Hassan) died when the bomb exploded as he and his aides were driving by. Abu Hassan was in charge of personal security for Fatah leader Yasser Arafat, who is also Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). The Fatah statement did not say who was responsible for the explosion. But Palestinian officials privately blamed the Israelis. Fatah vowed that the death of Abu Hassan would not go unavenged.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

Regional Briefs

YADU, Jan. 22 (R)—Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal returned today from Bonn after a three-day visit which he held talks with his West German opposite number Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the official Saudi Press Agency reported. The talks dealt with Middle East developments and the situation in Iran. Diplomatic sources in Bonn earlier said the discussions had also covered the question of increased Saudi oil supplies to make up for shortages of Iranian deliveries.

ANN, Jan. 22 (R)—Libyan Interior Minister Younis Belkasem, visiting a first visit to Bonn, today called for closer cooperation with West Germany. Colonel Belkasem arrived yesterday on a week's visit to study crime-fighting techniques in many parts of the country. He is the highest ranking Libyan leader to visit West Germany since Prime Minister Abdel-Salam Jalloud was here five years ago. Colonel Belkasem had a working lunch today with Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Interior Minister Gerhard Baum.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan. 22 (R)—Former U.S. President Gerald Ford, on a private visit to Israel, today discussed the Middle East situation with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan. He later visited the Yad Vashem memorial for Jewish victims of the Nazis and toured Arab East Jerusalem, guided by the city's mayor, Teddy Kolek.

DAMASCUS, Jan. 22 (R)—Syria will almost double its defence spending to eight billion Syrian pounds (about two billion dollars) in its new budget presented to the People's Assembly (parliament) yesterday.

The budget, announced by Prime Minister Mohammed Ali Al Hafez, amounts to 22,591 million Syrian pounds (about \$5,647 million), an increase of 111 million Syrian pounds (\$28 million) or last year's budget.

Mr. Hafez said the defence allocations were designed to develop Syria's defence potential and the training and equipment of its armed forces, and to consolidate the country's pan-Arab role in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

Japan launches energy-saving campaign
KYOTO, Jan. 22 (R)—The Japanese government today launched an energy-saving campaign following the suspension of oil supplies from Iran. The campaign, which does not include any mandatory measures, calls for lower speeds on roads and reductions in the heating and lighting. This is the first time the government introduced such a campaign since the 1973 oil crisis. Japan last imported 99 per cent of its oil of which about 17 per cent came from Iran.

Spy slips from police within hours of arrest
ANN, Jan. 22 (R)—West German security officials today detected a spy who slipped away from their grasp within hours of his arrest. It proved to be a notable coup in their fight against communist espionage.

The East German-born fugitive was one of five suspected spies arrested at the weekend following the defection of an East German secret service officer. Police said he was a 40-year-old communist named Reinier Fuelle who worked at the nuclear research centre in Karlsruhe.

Concorde to resume London-Singapore flight
NDON, Jan. 22 (R)—East and West will only be nine hours apart when the supersonic Concorde begins a regular London to Singapore run this week. After nearly a year of negotiations, the Anglo-French airlines will resume a Far East service which was suspended after only six flights due to environmental objections to the Malaysian government. The London-Singapore flight by Concorde takes more than 15 hours. The objections have been withdrawn for a trial period of six months and there will be three Concorde flights in each direction per week, via Bahrain, starting Wednesday.

charged with recent Greek bomb blast series
ATHENS, Jan. 22 (R)—Thirteen people, including two active police officers, were today charged with involvement in a recent series of bomb blasts in the Greek capital. A police spokesman said nine of the 13 were under arrest, with rewards of one million drachmas (\$28,000) offered for the arrest of two of the four still at large. Police alleged that the 13 were responsible for blasts which caused the detonation of 50 home-made bombs in the city on Jan. 17. Seven people were injured in those explosions, and a number of buildings were damaged.

120 die in Jakarta floods
JAKARTA, Jan. 22 (R)—At least 120 people died in last week's flooding in Jakarta and more bodies are expected to be discovered as the waters subside and collapsed houses are cleared, police said. Large parts of the city were still under 1.6 metres of water yesterday, almost the same level as last Friday when the floods struck and 100,000 people fled their homes.

As Shah military backing grows Stand-in power setup comes under pressure

TEHRAN, Jan. 22 (R)—Iran's acting military chief today pledged that the armed forces would never stage a coup.

General Abbas Qarabaghi also denied that the armed forces might split into different factions. The statement by the general, who as armed forces chief of staff was left in charge of the military in the Shah's absence, indicated strong military backing for the stand-in power structure left by the Shah when he departed on a political holiday which could be a prelude to exile.

That structure, led formally by a nine-man Regency Council, came under fresh pressure today when a member of Iran's newly-formed Regency Council, Seyed Jalal-uddin Tehrani, today said he had resigned.

As he walked to his car after a brief meeting with the exiled Muslim opposition leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Mr. Tehrani was asked by reporters if he had quit the nine-man council and replied simply: "Yes."

In a statement then read to reporters by a close aide of the 78-year-old Ayatollah, Mr. Tehrani was quoted as saying he considered the council illegal.

Khomeini aides described Mr. Tehrani as leader of the council. Government sources in Tehran had insisted earlier today that Prime Minister Shahpur Bakhtiari had been in contact with Mr. Tehrani and that he had not resigned.

Just five days before Ayatollah Khomeini is due to return to Iran in triumph after 15 years in exile, any crack in the power structure in Tehran could lead to the collapse of the already paralysed capital, groups of only a few hundred demonstrators took to the streets.

Most appeared to be supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini, but one group of young students shouted "long live the workers" and did not refer to the Ayatollah in their slogans. They called for reopening of schools which have been closed for more than two months.

Amid general expectancy over the Ayatollah's return, and total uncertainty over how the conflict between his plans and those of the authorities will be played out, there have been signs of a potential split in the opposition movement—between purely religious groups and left-wing political activists.

Witnesses reported a near-clash yesterday between Marxist and religious groups parading at Tehran University after Marxist groups made a rare appearance in the capital.

The government of Dr. Bakhtiari, pressing on with plans to defuse hostility, today announced that a bill would go before parliament next week providing for punishment of officials jailed on corruption charges.

Long queues continued for petrol and kerosene, but the government rejected rumours of further economic collapse.

Radii denied that there was a national shortage of wheat and said there was enough bread to supply the capital.

In Bombay, police sources said armed Iranian students seized the Iranian consulate-general today and said they would hand over five staff hostages tomorrow after a 24-hour protest.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said India's external affairs ministry in New Delhi had advised against any immediate police action against the students, who are supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini.

The 15 students, armed with pistols and explosives, said they were protesting against the "illegal" government in Tehran of Prime Minister Bakhtiari.

A student spokesman told PTI that they were holding two vice-consuls, the cultural attache and two women members of the staff as hostages.

Riot police and fire brigade officials cordoned off the area in south Bombay as the students barricaded themselves inside the building for the night.

Shah arrives in Morocco
MARRAKESH, Morocco, Jan. 22 (R)—The Shah of Iran arrived in this southern Moroccan city from Egypt today for a short visit and talks with King Hassan.

The Iranian monarch spent six days in the southern Egyptian town of Aswan before flying here on his way to the United States.

Moroccan officials described his visit as private and said it would last between 24 and 48 hours, though some Iranian officials here said it might last longer.



Israel pounds Nabatiyeh for second day running

NABATIYEH, Lebanon, Jan. 22 (R)—Israeli forces pounded this southern Lebanese town with artillery fire for the second successive day today and sources said at least three people were killed.

Rockets, mortars and 155mm Howitzer shells crashed down, mainly in residential areas, at a rate of up to six a minute.

Hundreds of families fled this Palestinian stronghold, about 14 kilometres from the Israeli border, when the attack began yesterday.

Those left in the town today scurried for cover as the gunners ranged in their fire towards the town centre and the blast of shellfire echoed through deserted streets.

Among the first casualties was Mohammed Sarhan, 80, a retired artisan, whose home was hit by a mortar shell.

About 100 metres away the barrage continued, with flashes and clouds of smoke marking the advancing fire.

The dull thump of answering artillery could be heard after about 50 shells had crashed down on Nabatiyeh.

The battle came three days after Israeli commandos launched a ground, air and artillery attack on Palestinian positions in the rugged mountains east of here.

Last Friday the United Nations Security Council renewed the mandate of the 5,800-strong U.N. Interim Peacekeeping Force in Southern Lebanon (UNIFIL) for five months.

In Beirut, the Palestine News Agency Wafa said Israeli warplanes had been driven out of South Lebanese airspace by anti-aircraft fire.

The shelling of Nabatiyeh continued into the afternoon, the agency said, accusing Israel of trying to create a pretext for "another major aggression against South Lebanon in the near future."

Observers said the political battle between the executive and the legislature was likely to be announced late tonight, along with a lengthy document setting out future political and military strategy.

Atherton ME talks tangled
OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan. 22 (R)—Efforts to revive Israeli-Egyptian peace negotiations today appeared tangled in legalistic argument about a precise definition of the term "unprovoked aggression."

United States Special Envoy Alfred Atherton and his aides struggled to frame a definition which would satisfy both the Israelis and the Egyptians, official sources said.

After more talks today with an Israeli team headed by Dr. Eliahu Ben-Eliassir, director of the Prime Minister's Office, Mr. Atherton called an adjournment to ask for advice from Washington.

The definition was required in connection with the disputed "article six" of the draft peace treaty which Egypt has declined to sign without having modifications attached in a side letter.

The article states that the treaty would have priority over Egypt's previous pacts with Arab states. But President Anwar Sadat insists that Egypt should retain the right to help Arab countries in the event of Israeli aggression.

Mr. Atherton had expected to travel to Cairo at the weekend to report on his findings to the Egyptians. But the talks dragged on and the results were examined yesterday in a lengthy debate by the Israeli cabinet.

The cabinet's decision was not revealed but the Atherton team remained here for more talks.

Dr. Ben-Eliassir told reporters there had been slight progress. But officials admitted there was no sign of a breakthrough that could raise hopes of resumed ministerial negotiations between Israel and Egypt.

Gromyko in Rome for wide-ranging talks

ROME, Jan. 22 (R)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrived today for talks with Italian leaders on world affairs and his first meeting with Polish-born Pope John Paul.

The veteran Soviet politician will meet Italy's President Sandro Pertini, an outspoken socialist. Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, whose minority government has come under increasing fire from the Italian Communist Party, and Foreign Minister Arnaldo Forlani.

But his five-day visit undoubtedly will be highlighted by his meeting with the new Pope, who until his elevation to the papacy in October was Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of the Polish mining town of Krakow.

In this capacity the Pope fought a relentless campaign against communist interference in Polish church affairs.

Details of Mr. Gromyko's talks with the Pope have not yet been disclosed, but the two men are expected to meet on Wednesday afternoon on the eve of the Pope's departure for Mexico, his first trip abroad.

Mr. Gromyko is no stranger to the Vatican. He met the late Pope Paul three times in his 15-year pontificate, during which the Roman Catholic Church launched its own "Catholicism" of improving state-church relations in Eastern Europe.

Vatican observers thus attribute great significance to the new Pope's meeting with the Soviet minister.

Mr. Gromyko's talks with government leaders will be dominated by topics related to the recent dramatic developments in Indochina, Iran and the Middle East.

It is the first visit of a Soviet leader to a western country since Vietnam-backed rebels ousted the pro-Chinese Kampuchean (Cambodian) government from Phnom Penh and the Shah was forced to leave Iran.

Western Europe's relations with China, Moscow's arch-rival, will be reviewed at Mr. Gromyko's talks with Premier Andreotti, who still has not replied to a letter from Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev in which he warned Italy of the dangers of selling arms to China, informed sources said.

The letter, dispatched almost two months ago along with similar notes to Britain, France and West Germany, has been criticised as "interference in internal affairs" by Italy's leading newspapers, while the government declined to comment.

Other issues to be discussed at Mr. Gromyko's talks will concern the Horn of Africa, South Africa, detente and disarmament, informed sources said today.

Mr. Gromyko's visit comes at a time of increasing political instability in Italy and much talk about an impending government crisis.

Samphan, Pot continue fight in Cambodia

BANGKOK, Jan. 22 (R)—Thai Premier Kriangsak Chamanand today inspected areas bordering on Kampuchea (Cambodia), where the sounds of artillery fire indicated a continuing power struggle.

General Kriangsak visited Thai forces in and around the eastern border town of Aranyaprathet, where the district officer said fighting was heard from across the frontier early today.

The 40 minutes of shelling and automatic gunfire apparently came from the village of Nimot, only 14 kilometres from the deserted Kampuchean border town of Poipet, indicating that Khmer Rouge troops loyal to Prime Minister Pol Pot might still be offering tough resistance.

Diplomatic sources here reported scattered fighting in various parts of Kampuchea almost a month after Vietnamese-led forces began an offensive to capture most of the country for the Hanou-backed administration of Heng Samrin in Phnom Penh.

The sources said resistance appeared to be building up in northeastern Stung Treng province where ousted President Khieu Samphan was today reported to be heading a large guerrilla force.

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New Upper House formed

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—A royal decree was issued here yesterday setting up a new 30-member Upper House of Parliament to take effect from Jan. 20, 1979. Mr. Bahjat Talhouni will retain his post as spokesman of the new House whose members are the following: Mr. Mudar Badran, Mr. Bahjat Talhouni, Mr. Sa'd Jum'a, Mr. Ahmad Touqan, Mr. Zeid Rifa'i, Mr. Hashem Al Jayousi, Mr. Anas Hanania, Mr. Abdul Rahman Khalifa, Mr. Farhan Shbeilat, Mr. 'Akef Al

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The new Upper House includes four new members who are Deifallah Al Humud, Faisal Al Jazi, Anas Hanania and Hashem Al Jayousi and excludes Shafiq Ersheldat and Edmond Rock who recently died and Kaseh Al Sufuq. It also includes the prime minister and one member of the cabinet Mr. Adnan Abu Odeh, who is Minister of Information, five former prime ministers and 15 former ministers, as well as the former speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Kamel 'Ureiqat.

Prince Hassan returns from Austria

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (J.T.)—His Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Regent and Her Highness Princess Sarvath returned here this evening from a private visit to Austria that lasted several days.

During the visit Prince Hassan held talks with the Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschlager and Chancellor Bruno Kreisky on ways of strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries, in various fields.

Their Highnesses were welcomed at the airport by acting Prime Minister Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali, Court Minister Amer Khammash, members of the Royal family and top officials.

Coming & Going

International Labour

Organisation head arrives



Mr. Francis Blanchard

RSS official returns from Italy

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—Deputy Director of the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Dr. Fakhreddine Al Daghestani returned here today at the end of a week-long visit to Italy. During the visit he held talks with officials at the EEC joint research centre on cooperation between the RSS and the centre in the field of computerised programmes, bilateral cooperation in the exploitation of solar energy and the training of Jordanians at the EEC centre. According to a joint RSS-EEC agreement signed here last year the EEC will offer technical assistance to the society worth \$1.25 million within an EEC assistance programme to Jordan.

Education minister back from Iraq, Kuwait

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—Director General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Francis Blanchard arrived here today for a three-day visit to Jordan. In a statement upon arrival Mr. Blanchard said he will hold talks with Jordanian officials on vocational training and technical cooperation between Jordan and the ILO. He will also brief the officials on the organisation's activities and the financial difficulties it is now facing. Mr. Blanchard, who is here at the invitation of the Jordanian government is scheduled also to meet with his Majesty King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Mudar Badran. The ILO chief was met upon arrival at the airport by Minister of Tourism Ghaleb Barakat and several officials.

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Salam Majali returned here Saturday at the end of visits to Iraq and Kuwait. During his several-day visit he held talks with officials there on further promoting educational cooperation between Jordan and the two countries. In talks with Iraqi officials it was agreed that a Jordanian educational delegation should visit Baghdad shortly to discuss the conclusion of an educational agreement between Jordan and Iraq. Dr. Majali said. During the visit the minister, who is also a member of the trustee board of the International University in Tokyo, said he explained to Kuwaiti and Iraqi officials the university's activities and programmes and obtained a pledge for financial assistance to the university from both countries.

NCC endorses extra tax to support universities

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (J.T.)—The government and the National Consultative Council (NCC) today emphasised that support for the Jordanian universities is a national necessity for the good of the country, its progress and prosperity. The two sides stressed that the law of additional duties for the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University is regarded as an investment, not just a taxation. The NCC was reluctant last Monday to endorse the proposed increase in levies and sidestepped

debate on the issue. Instead it asked the government to provide justification for the proposed increase. The government did so in the course of the week.

The NCC today unanimously approved the law of additional duties for the two universities after a four-hour debate attended by all Cabinet members. The law will take effect as soon as it is referred to the Cabinet which, in turn, will submit it to the Royal Court where it is expected to be endorsed by a royal decree.

Today's council session witnessed a wide and heated debate on the law in which government and all council members took place on several topics of which will be referred to committees concerned with the government. Among subjects is how to provide services to the eastern of Amman.

The government and further stressed the need strengthening cooperation and constructive relationship between them.

Agreement signed to provide RSS with British assistance

By Alan Martiny
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Jan. 22 — An agreement for cooperation in the field of building research was signed Sunday between the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and the British Building Research Establishment (BRE). According to the agreement, the British government will provide the RSS with necessary equipment and tools for its Building Materials Research Centre.

Experts and experience will also be exchanged under the cooperation agreement.

Informed sources at the RSS told the Jordan Times at the signing ceremony that research work will begin with studies and tests of Jordanian soil—its properties and tolerance—for the purpose of designing building foundations. "The research will be aimed at determining the feasibility of using Jordanian soil as components for foundations of very tall buildings," he said. "Since Jordan has begun building tall buildings, five floors and over, with prospects for higher ones in the future, we need to have the proper materials which can sustain the load."

A delegation from the BRE will arrive in Jordan on Feb. 9 in order

to plan for the further implementation of the agreement. It will work with Jordan's Building Materials Centre at the RSS.

This agreement represents first practical applied research cooperation between RSS and a British research institution. The RSS feels its Materials Research Centre greatly benefit from the experience and modern methods.

The agreement was signed by Dr. Albert Bakos, Director of the RSS, and Moberly, British Ambassador in Jordan. Following the ceremony, the ambassador's wife were shown a film on RSS and given a tour of facilities.

Jordan and Morocco commercial agreement

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—Jordan and Morocco today signed an agreement on economic and commercial cooperation at the Amman Chamber of Industry.

The agreement calls for the development of "commercial exchange of locally produced goods, mutual participation in exhibitions held in either of the countries, and the establishment of a joint Jordanian-Moroccan company for foreign trade. The agreement also encourages cooperation in agriculture and benefiting from Morocco's experience in citrus, wheat and barley and agricultural industries.

It also included the exchange of cooperation in tourism and Jordan's benefit from Morocco's experience in extraction of uranium in phosphate. According to the agreement, Morocco will send a number of economic survey.

Jordan and Morocco, a number of economic, tourism, navigation, air transport last year by His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, to Morocco National News Re "Moroccan trade minister tours Jordan Valley".

Moroccan trade minister tours Jordan Valley

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Nijmeddin Dajani and the visiting Moroccan Minister of Trade and Industry Abdul Kamel Al Raghai today toured a number of projects undertaken by the Jordan Valley Authority. During their tour they were briefed on irrigation, electricity, and housing projects in the Jordan Valley region. The two ministers yesterday discussed economic and trade ties between Jordan and Morocco and ways of promoting them. At the talks in which officials from both sides took part agreement was reached for the formation of two committees to follow up steps for promoting bilateral cooperation. The first committee will be entrusted with the economic aspect and the opening of commercial centres for both countries in Rabat and Amman, and the second will look into ways for promoting tourism and agricultural cooperation between Morocco and Jordan and for exploring the possibility of extracting uranium from phosphate.

Committee calls for more Arab manufacturing of medicines

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—The higher committee for Arab pharmaceutical affairs ended its three-day meetings here today after issuing several recommendations to be referred to the Arab ministers' of health conference to be held in March. These call for the expansion in the manufacture of medicinal products in the Arab world and the extension of further assistance to the Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Company in which most Arab countries hold shares. The committee also called for the establishment of a union of Arab pharmaceutical industries, a pan-Arab centre for research to help the pharmaceutical industries, and to train technicians to work in that field. Taking part in the meetings which were organised by the technical council of the Arab League were representatives of Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Bahrain.

TODAY'S WEATHER

The weather will be partly cloudy to cloudy with possible scattered rain. Winds will be northwesterly moderate. Air will be partly cloudy with scattered rain, northerly moderate and calm seas.

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Jordan Valley	9	17
Deserts	4	12

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AL RA'I editorially Monday describes Lebanon as a big "laboratory" that Israel has entered as a full-fledged partner in the "dialogue of bullets to determine the future of the Arab region."

This Lebanese laboratory is witnessing the strangest conflict in history, although in the end it will be regarded as a conflict between Arab civilisation and Zionist barbarism equipped with the most up-to-date weapons of destruction.

The newspaper deplores the fact that the Arab World has so far avoided being involved in this dispute, leaving it to be fought out between the Palestinians and their Lebanese allies on one hand and the Israelis and their Lebanese militia supporters on the other. These conflicting forces are operating outside the framework of the U.N. Security Council resolution and outside the mandate of the U.N. peace-keeping forces. In this respect, Al Ra'i says, the tragedy of the Lebanese people lies in that they do not take into consideration the threat posed by the Israeli aggression since 1948, thinking that the course of events during the past three decades is a kind of "fait accompli" with which Lebanon has tried to co-exist, but in vain.

AL DUSTOUR commends His Majesty King Hussein's constant trips to Arab and foreign capitals to project Arab viewpoints on the Middle East crisis.

The newspaper was referring to King Hussein's visit Monday to Saudi Arabia and his recent trips to West Germany, Italy, Britain and the Vatican.

The events in Iran, tension in south Lebanon which Israel may be trying to escalate for "expediting" a battle with Syria, and the faltering Egyptian-Israeli negotiations which might soon result in the signing of a peace treaty, all make King Hussein's meeting with King Khaled of Saudi Arabia extremely important, as both these two countries and others of the Arab East are being exposed to serious challenges that call for constant consultation and coordination, Al Dustour writes.

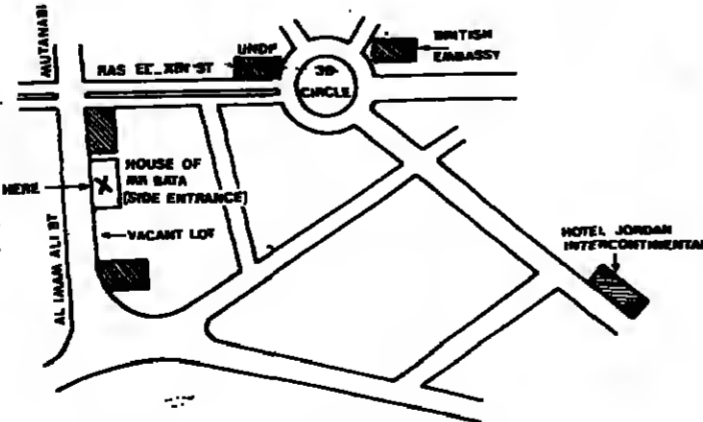
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WHAT'S GOING ON

Documentary Film

The Goethe Institute presents a documentary film in German entitled "Winifred Wagner" by Hans-Jürgen Syberberg. The film starts at 8:00 p.m. and is subtitled in English.

Arab-American group threatens court action if U.S. doesn't grant visa to Arafat



Dr. Mohammad Mehdi makes a point, then gestures expansively as he explains during the interview at his room in the Jordan Hotel Monday.



Mr. Rebhi Rabie



during the meeting, he said.

"We expect that in the 1980 and 1984 presidential elections U.S. public opinion will change. U.S. politicians will come to look on Israel as they do now on Formosa; it won't make a difference who is running for office, whether Carter or another Truman."

"Our target in 1984 is to reverse the events of 1948," he declares. "1980 will see the beginning of cuts in economic aid to Israel. 1984 will witness the beginning of cuts in military aid."

Israel now gets about \$6 million a day in aid from the United States. If the American public

knew this, half the battle would be won," he says. "But one Dr. Mehdi is not enough, we need a thousand Dr. Mehdis," he laments. "Our problem is not the Zionists, it is staff and money."

"There has to be an end to the tail wagging the dog," he stresses. "I don't accept blanket slogans, however, such as there is an inseparable organic link between Israel and the United States. That's nonsense. In fact, that is clever and insidious Zionist propaganda; it implies that we cannot break their hold, their monopoly on the United States, and so we should not try."

An active career

AMMAN, Jan. 22 — "Arab blood, Mehdi blood, Arab blood, Mehdi blood. Kill the Arabs!" chanted a group of hardened Zionist thugs outside the office of the American-Arab Relations Committee (AARC) in New York.

The incident took place in 1974. Dr. Mohammad Mehdi, president of the AARC, and his vice president, Mr. Rebhi Rabie, had already been evicted from the premises. "Police took us to a nearby building for protection," Dr. Mehdi told the Jordan Times here today.

"Both Rebhi and I had been attacked," he explained. "We had to be hospitalized. I had suffered broken vertebrae; my back still troubles me today," he said. At the time, Dr. Mehdi did not know the extent of the damage to his person, he only realised it when he started to block out at the hospital.

But before he was carried off in an ambulance, he managed to invite the press and the TV cameras to take a good look at what his attackers were chanting. "But instead of Jewish blood, these latter-day Nazis were yelling for Arab blood," he observed to the cameras.

Dr. Mehdi had scored a propaganda victory, at considerable cost to himself. It was one of the most pronounced incidents in his thirty years as champion of the Palestinian cause which has brought him into conflict with such Zionist groups as B'nai B'rith, the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish Defence League.

"One week after the incident, they burnt down our office. They burnt everything, the furniture, our records, everything. They only stopped because they couldn't find anything else to burn."

Another incident Dr. Mehdi relates concerns the Jordanian pavilion at the 1964 World Fair in New York. Zionist groups demanded removal of a mural at the Jordanian pavilion portrayed the sad lot of Palestinian refugees. "I was insulted," he says, "at the Zionists trying to suppress the

freedom of expression." They threatened to picket the Jordanian pavilion.

"I heard of this in the middle of the night. I was so insulted that I sent a cable on the spot to the president of the fair, saying that if the Zionists were allowed to picket the Jordanian pavilion, we would picket the Israeli pavilion. I signed it Dr. Mohammad Mehdi, President, the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations." Thus the precursor to the AARC was born on May 6, 1964.

Next day the Zionists picketed, so did Dr. Mehdi's hastily formed group. Far their targets they picked the offices of B'nai B'rith and American Jewish Congress, two organisations involved in the affair. It made a big noise. It was the first incident of its kind. People were shocked that these so-called organisations were being picketed. The press came in force.

Will Maslow, an official of one of the organisations, came out to handle the trouble. "Why don't we go inside and discuss this over doughnuts and a cup of coffee?" he said.

Dr. Mehdi recalls what he said at the time: "Mr. Maslow, I will be very happy to accept your invitation, but first, tell the press why you are trying to suppress the First Amendment. I want you to tell the press why you are trying to prevent the Jordanian pavilion from exhibiting a mural, and why you want to deny us our constitutional rights."

Mr. Maslow tried the old ploy of inviting him to shake hands. "I will be happy to shake your hand," he said, "but first I want you to tell these people that you are a bigoted, intolerant organisation, committed to the suppression of our civil liberties."

"The story made the New York Times, it was in the Post, next day," he exulted.

Dr. Mehdi is currently secretary general of the Federation of American-Arab Organisations, as well as president of the AARC. It keeps him busy "25 hours a day," he says.

listing" companies, as he terms it. It should do positive things, he says, to rupture Israel's economic ties with the international community. For instance, if Switzerland is buying Jaffa oranges, the boycott office should step in and strike a deal involving the sale of Lebanese, Syrian or Libyan oranges in Switzerland at a price considerably below that of Jaffa oranges, even if it has to subsidise Arab oranges in the bargain. The boycott office should approach companies like Trans World Airlines (TWA). Dr. Mehdi advocates, a d propose that TWA stop its flights to Israel. If TWA complains that it would be incurring a loss of say \$5 million, the boycott office should arrange to make good TWA's losses through business with the Arab World or outright compensation, he argues.

He is currently trying to organise an "Arab People's Committee to Reach the American People," which will include 40 prominent Americans concerned with the Arab-American relations, which was to have met for the first time in Kuwait on Jan. 26.

Dr. Mehdi, who is accompanied by AARC Vice President Rebhi Rabie, plans to return to Damascus and then go on to Baghdad, in time for the forthcoming meeting of Arab information ministers.

People

...in the news

The year 1979 is only three weeks old, but the price of Wedding of the Year surely has to go to the union on Sunday evening, at the Greek Orthodox Church in Abdali, of erstwhile Jordan Times Editor Rami G. Khouri and the lovely Ellen Kettaneh. After a traditional ceremony presided over by the Greek Orthodox Archbishop Theodoros (with chief usher Haidham Goussous providing an electric heater to keep the marital couple warm), several hundred well-wishers inaugurated the top-floor restaurant of the new Amman Holiday Inn at a crowded and good-humoured reception presided over by the justifiably proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Kettaneh and Mr. and Mrs. George S. Khouri. Among the notables present were the exiled Mayor of Arab Jerusalem Mr. Rami Al Khatib, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim, Director of the Jordan Press Foundation Jum'a Hammad, Information Ministry Under-secretary Mr.

Peter Salah, Royal Scientific Society Director General Albert Butros, National Consultative Council member Mrs. In'am Mufti, and chief editors Mahmoud Sharif of Al-Dustour and Mohammed Amad of Al Rai Jordan Times, as well as Director of Public Security Ghazi Arahayat, the Iraqi and Libyan ambassadors, and prominent banker Sulaiman Sukkar. The bridegroom had only one admonition: there was to be no publicity in the social columns of the local press. He even prevailed upon the representatives of a well-known Beirut weekly magazine not to feature the wedding in their popular social page. But the Jordan Times feels obliged to place this social event of the year on the public record, safe in the knowledge that the principals are thousands of miles away. After a honeymoon in Spain and Morocco, Rami Khouri will return to these pages as contributing editor and chief economic correspondent of Jordan's leading English-language daily.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	5,485	6,560	6,570	6,570
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	943	16,800	16,900	16,850
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	1,863	1,150	—	1,150
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	1,400	1,750	—	1,750
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	2,135	1,050	—	1,060
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	5,117	1,850	—	1,850
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	114	1,340	1,350	1,350
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	249	8,560	8,650	8,600
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	1,446	—	—	4,450
Al Ezdihar Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	880	1,050	—	1,070
Arab Bank Co.	JD 10,000	2,600	—	—	65,000
Petra Bank Co.	JD 10,000	4,600	11,200	11,350	11,500
*Arab International Investment and Trade Co.	JD 5,000	662	3,750	—	3,750
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	292	—	0.740	0.730
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 1,000	800	—	—	1,600
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 1,000	2,242	4,350	5,000	4,450

Total volume traded, Monday, Jan. 22: JD 30,828
Total number of shares traded: 11,713

*50 per cent of shares capital paid

Government Development Bonds	Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of maturity	Selling price
	JD 5,000	154	30	1979	5.165
	JD 5,000	1,171	230	1980	5.095
	JD 5,000	1,202	240	1982	5.010

Total volume traded: JD 2,527

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JORDAN VALLEY AUTHORITY INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Jordan Valley Authority of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, invites firms or joint ventures of firms to submit bids for the supply of the following:

- Two fork-lift trucks with a lifting capacity of 2,000 kg at 50 cm load center.
- Twenty clamp trucks for manual transport of produce field boxes.
- 50,000 P.V.C. produce field boxes.
- Twenty produce weighing scales with a maximum capacity of 200 kg.
- 1,000 heavy duty multiple-use pallets
- One, 50 metric ton bridge scale.

The location of the project is at Al Arda in the centre of the Jordan Valley, approximately 60 km. from Amman. All roads leading to the site are in good condition in all seasons.

The firm to whom a contract may be awarded will be paid in the designated currency of the bidder. This project will be financed jointly by the Government of Jordan and the Government of the Netherlands.

The Bid Documents are available for purchase at the Jordan Valley Authority, P.O. Box 2769, Amman, Jordan, for a sum of J.D. 5 (for one copy) or its equivalent in a freely convertible foreign currency. No refunds will be made.

The executed bids shall be delivered to the address shown below not later than noon (local time) on March 25, 1979.

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Amman, Jordan

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- Two conveyor-belt lines for the grading and packing of eggplant, cucumber, squash, and sweet pepper with a dumping capacity of five tons per hour each.

"Line" shall be understood to mean an integrated and fully operable equipment series, supplier installed with all accessories, electric motors etc., to permit the grading and packing of produce in an orderly and efficient manner.

The location of the project is at El-Arda in the centre of the Jordan Valley, approximately 60 km. from Amman. All roads leading to the site are in good condition in all seasons.

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All for the sake of a scent

By Sue Morrow Lockwood

In Nepal and along the Himalayas where Asia's finest quality musk originates, the male musk deer carries in his abdomen a commodity which may be the death warrant of his species.

The thick, obnoxious-smelling jelly is extracted from the four-grum scent gland or musk pod these shy, rabbit-like deer, which have odd four-inch canine incisors. They range from Pakis-

tan to Korea and their musk has been highly valued for centuries as an aphrodisiac, medicine and perfume stabiliser.

Worth four times its weight in gold on the world perfumery market, where 2,400 kilos of this perfume fixative are needed each year, musk is now in short supply because the musk deer are being hunted into extinction.

To satisfy the world demand for perfume industries alone takes the lives of 336,000 male deer each

year. Musk can be taken from the living deer to captivity without injuring it, but for Himalayan hunters killing with indiscriminate hunting and trapping methods is easier.

Guns, dog packs, spring snares which leave the animal to die slowly hanging in a tree, sharp poisoned stakes buried in pathways or poison applied to the leaves of their favourite shrubs—all destroy just as many females and young as males, easily

doubling the number slaughtered. In 1974, Nepal enacted a Wildlife Protection Act which forbade the export of wildlife products, although musk exports from only 16 dealers, the few who had bothered to register with the government, accounted for nearly nine per cent of the entire 1972-73 exports.

But it was a vain sacrifice since efficient enforcement is virtually impossible in the rugged Himalayas where Nepal's small

police force is spread over miles and miles of near-vertical, heavily-wooded mountainsides.

The sale of two of three pods can support a hill family for up to a year in comfort and there is precious little to replace this income, so the profitable trade goes on. Smuggling is now limited mostly by the diminishing deer population.

Although many smuggling routes, especially from Bhutan, Sikkim and Darjeeling run north-

south to India, where musk is sold illicitly everywhere, much of the musk comes to illegal dealers in Kathmandu.

Nepalese buyers claim that even Chinese border guards trade musk in clandestine nocturnal meetings for wrist watches, soap and leather goods.

Occasionally foreign dealers and perfume manufacturers purchase it in Kathmandu but most of the shipments are smuggled out to foreign markets, much the way

Worth four times its weight in gold and sought by the top perfume houses, musk is threatening survival of the unfortunate animals who produce it. It can be produced from animals in captivity, but easier just to hunt them down and kill them.

drugs are smuggled and often by the same people.

Encouraging the elite of the world's perfumery establishments to utilise wholly synthetic substance does not solve the problem.

There are up to 80 known substitutes but major perfumers prefer real musk for exclusive top brand perfumes, on the evidence of constant demand. It also seems highly unlikely that synthetics would satisfy Asian aphrodisiac consumers.

While the West uses it solely as a perfume fixative, Asia relies on it for much more. One Swami Pranavananda described its potential. "Musk produces heat in the system, stimulates the heart and raises blood pressure in depressed conditions of the system. It is with great advantage used in general debility, milder types of impotency, in low fevers, chronic coughs, affections of lungs and spasmodic diseases such as hysteria and epilepsy. It is better than any other bazaar medicines or drugs used..." As if that were not enough, musk is reported to cure hiccups, cramp, apoplexy, convulsions, coma, abscesses, bruises and boils. Tibetans mix it

with sheep dung and let it snuff but in chewing incense and perfume concentrates. Its powerful clings for hours after consumption.

So far, only China has succeeded in productively musk deer in captivity. A musk farm has increased from 9 to 100 deer and obtains up to 14 'milking' injury from a single animal's lifetime. But China supplies only an internal market which provides little relief outside China.

The development of musk farming is now being seriously considered in Nepal. Certainly, the world musk from perfumery is aphrodisiac consumers, at a constant legal so unadulterated musk illegal trade would be stay alive in the face of competition.

Financial Times News-Features

Socialist countries linked by natural gas line



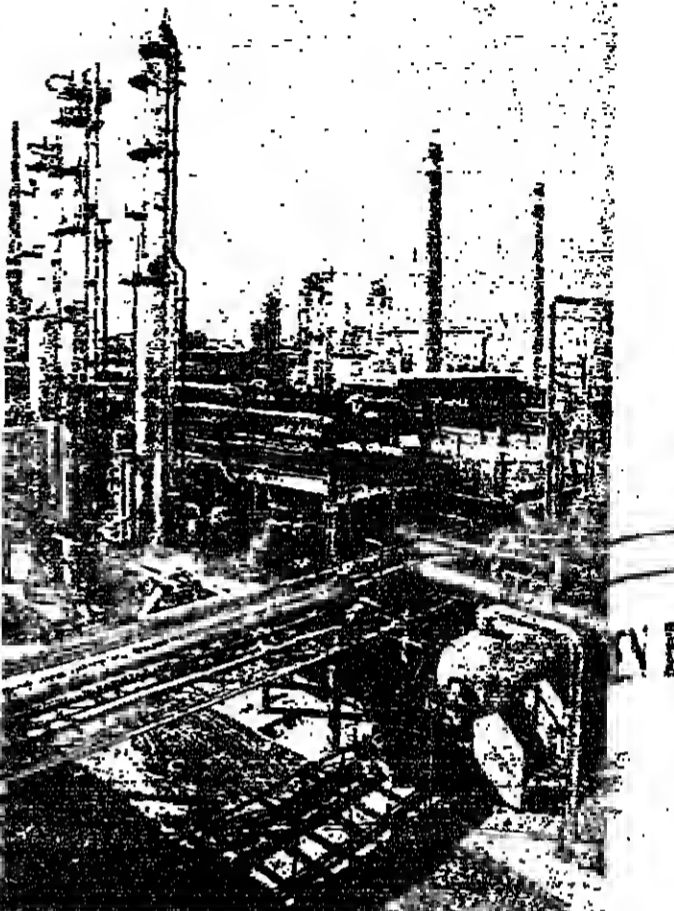
Night view of the Orenburg gas-processing plant

The Orenburg region is a rich territory in the Southern Urals famous for corn and various minerals. Some time ago vast deposits were discovered there. Today each tenth cubic metre of Soviet gas is extracted in the Orenburg region. In 1974 the first stage of the industrial complex for gas extraction and processing was put into operation there and in the following year the second one. The construction of the third stage is nearing completion. Annually dozens of billions of cubic metres of Orenburg gas will be exported, with 15 million out of this figure via the international "Soyuz" pipe-line system

to the socialist countries. Countries of the socialist community participated in this construction. The line is made of 1420 millimetre pipes stretching toward the Western frontier of the Soviet Union for 2750 kilometres. In late September 1978 the last junction of the line was welded. The natural gas is

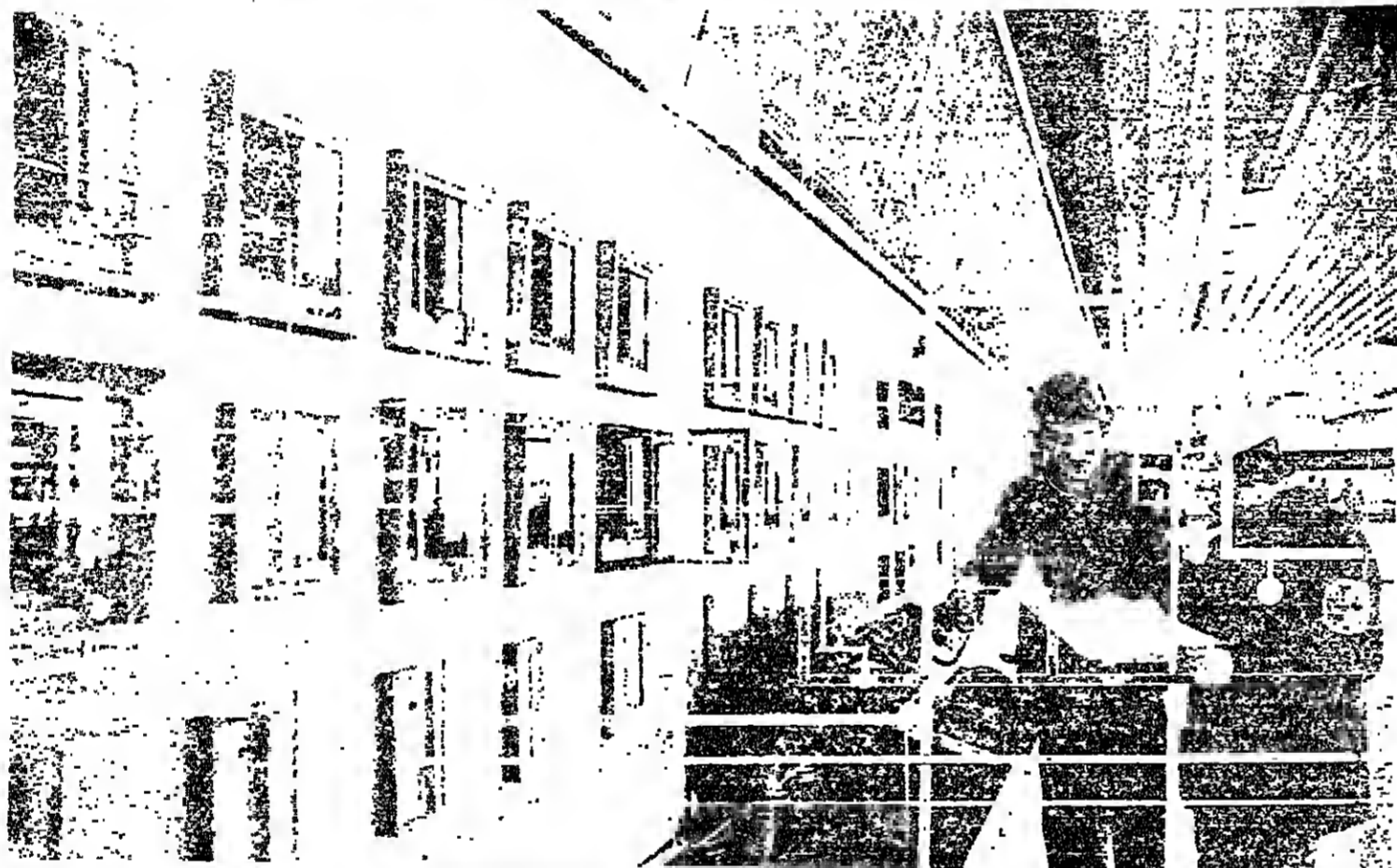
an important item of Soviet export. The "Fraternity" line has existed for 10 years already, through it the gas extracted in the Soviet Union is transported to Bulgaria, Hungary, East Germany and Czechoslovakia. The new gas pipe-line is of great importance for further development of cooperation and strengthening of socialist economies.

(TASS)



A view of installations of the third stage of the Orenburg

The equipment of the control service of the third stage of the Orenburg gas-processing plant is being tested.



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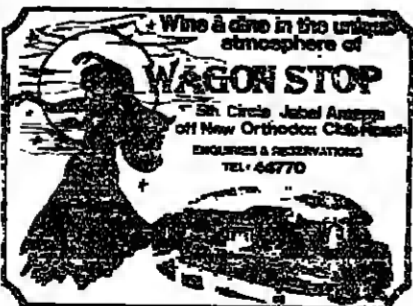
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GENERAL TENDENCIES: An unusually good time to expand your activities far beyond their present boundaries. Think in terms of what your greatest development will be in policy directions and then study these so that you make the best possible use of them. Be outgoing. RIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Good day to plan in detail a which provides you have in mind. Cultivate new acquaintances and outside China. Turn them into good friends. Avoid a tendency to exaggerate and all goes better for you.

AURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Study obligations and how best to discharge them. Friends and kin are growing more cooperative now so make the most of this.

EMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get in touch with persons from whom you have joint interests and see how to make more operative. Any community work you do now will be very remunerative.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Fine time to work conditions and know how best to improve them. Talk over with fellow workers how to have more generation and harmony.

EO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Meet friends socially and have fun. Put new creative ideas to work that need a little more attention as to detail.

IRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Try a different attitude at work and establish more harmony there. Establish good lit and feel more secure.

IBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are now able to get work done more efficiently, so don't procrastinate. Be of help to friends in their aims.

CORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are able to add to abundance now by some unusual methods. A good time to make repairs, or plan for them.

AGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Do those things really like to do and advancement comes easily for you. Be with as many friends as you can at entertainment.

APRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Take time to be alone think out a course that will help to make your life more and more affluent. Confer with a clever adviser and his views.

QUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A good day to be your various self, and see as many friends and acquaintances as you can. State your aims and ambitions and their cooperation for gaining them.

SCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Look to those in power for pressing your finest talents with their assistance. Get community work that will add to prestige.

GOREN BRIDGE

CHARLES H. GOREN
AND OMAR SHARIF
1979 by Chicago Tribune

ASK OMAR

On a nationally syndicated talk show, I heard a bridge player say that you learned to bridge from a book you were busy filming. I did you become such a player? I have been taking lessons for years and I seem to progress at basic intermediate level. Fort Lauderdale, Fla. is question has been the weekly prize.

While it's true that I am the rudiments of the game, I do not think you can learn much more than from reading. To a really top player, I had puny skills by playing and, whenever possible, after players than I.

Not denying the fact that, while star, it was easier for partners of stature in the world. However, my lion as a film celebrity nothing to them once we the bridge table. After that, I was just another player, and if my game measure up to their standards, I heard to no uncertain terms.

I do not take all that to be serious, but I realized there was only one way to become sufficiently

proficient so that I could sit down in a game as their peer. That took hours of practice and discussion, and even more hours of playing. I discovered the most important attribute has nothing to do with learning the technical aspects of the game. It has nothing to do with intelligence or diligence. I know many people who are among the leaders of their fields, but at the bridge table are relative novices and will never get beyond that stage no matter how hard they work.

To become an expert bridge player you need one primary attribute—card sense! If you are not born with that, no amount of work, study and practice will make you a top player. You can become reasonably proficient, but that is all.

I was lucky. My mother was a regular cardplayer, and I suppose I inherited her flair for card games. If you like, take football as an analogy. You can take a boy and coach him to throw a football, but unless he was born with a certain spark that you cannot define, he will never become another Johnny Unitas. He might eventually become a passable quarterback, but pardon the pun, but no more.

Some people have a flair for games with a ball, some for card games. One thing is certain—if you don't have the intangible something, you just won't need to develop any sort of complex about the matter. The secret is to find your level and enjoy the game. Bridge is a rewarding pastime no matter how well you play.

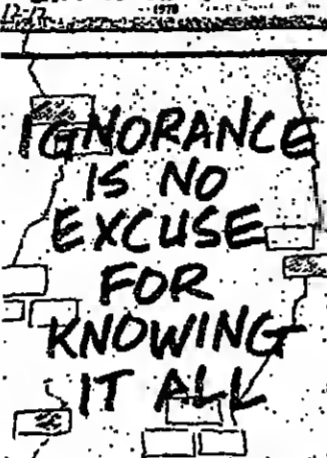
Romania to open talks with EEC

BRUSSELS, Jan. 22 (R)—Romania has once again asserted its independence from the Soviet Union, this time by breaking ranks in the Communist bloc's negotiations with the European Common Market and going it alone.

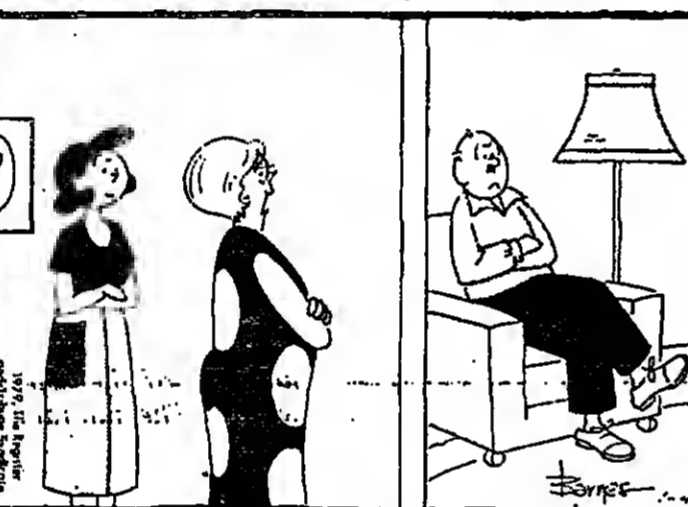
Bucharest is to open talks with the EEC on commercial and industrial cooperation agreements which, if concluded, will be the first signed with a member of Comecon, the Moscow-led Communist trading bloc.

Romania's move, though not as dramatic as its refusal last year to go along with a Warsaw Pact proposal to increase defence spending, is seen as another firm step by President Nicolae Ceausescu to loosen Moscow's grip on Eastern Europe.

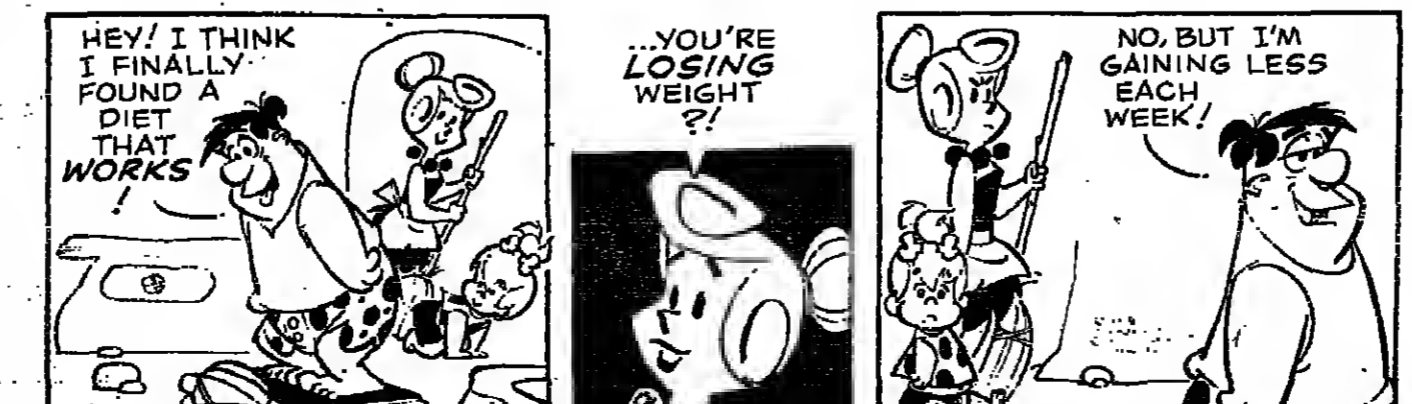
GRAFFITI



THE BETTER HALF By Barnes



"Stanley has a mind like a steel trap. Say the wrong thing and he snaps your head off."



Romania, Poland and Hungary have made arrangements on textiles, while all Eastern European countries except Russia and East Germany have entered into agreements to restrain exports of their steel products to the EEC.

Comecon was forced to ignore such breaches of its rules because its members would otherwise have risked the EEC banning their exports.

The Soviet Union itself agreed to enter talks with the EEC, along with Poland and East Germany, when the community extended its fishing limits to 200 miles. The negotiations eventually broke down.

Romania's gradual approach towards the EEC has been a classic example of "salami tactics", with each little slice bringing it nearer to Brussels, EEC sources said.

Since July 1977, Bucharest has sent experts to the EEC headquarters to examine various problems.

The industrial cooperation agreement it is proposing now would cover 85 per cent of its exports to the EEC, leaving out only fish and farm products, the sources said.

The European Commission has now asked the EEC Council of Ministers for power to open negotiations with the Romanian Government, and current council president, French Foreign Minister Jean Francois Poincaré, has said he intends to give priority to relations with Romania.

Of the two agreements, one would concern industrial products other than steel and textiles covered by the existing arrangements. The other would create an EEC-Romanian joint committee with general responsibilities for promoting trade.

However, the sources underlined that Romania's links with the EEC would still fall short of the association status presently under discussion with communist but non-aligned Yugoslavia.

And China last year signed a five-year trade accord with the EEC which gives it a more favoured status with the community than the Comecon countries.

Still, if Romania gets away with this new independent venture, other Comecon countries like Poland and Hungary could be tempted to follow suit, EEC sources added.

Laffite of France wins Argentine Grand Prix

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 22 (R)—Jacques Laffite of France won the Argentine Grand Prix, first event of the 1979 world motor racing championship, here yesterday. His Ligier led almost from start to finish.

Mr. Laffite, who started in pole position, finished well clear of local hero Carlos Reutemann of Argentina who was second in a Lotus. Third was Britain's John Watson in a McLaren, and fourth Mr. Laffite's team mate and compatriot Patrick Depailler.

The race was run in blistering heat with shade temperatures

soaring well into the 50s Centigrade.

It started dramatically when eight drivers, including defending world champion Mario Andretti of the United States in a Lotus, Brazilian Nelson Piquet in a Brabham, South African Jody Scheckter in a Ferrari and Mr. Watson, were involved in opening lap collision. Mr. Scheckter and Mr. Piquet were slightly injured and did not compete when the race was restarted 75 minutes later.

Mr. Andretti finally came fifth with Brazil's Emerson Fittipaldi sixth.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Prices closed Monday easier with industrial disputes continuing to inhibit business, dealers said. At 15:00 the F.T. index was down six points at 472.9.

Government bonds met stalled selling interest with fears of inflationary pay settlements the main worry, dealers added. Short dated maturities fell around 1/4 point while longer dates lost up to 1/2. Australian, U.S. and Canadian stocks were mixed.

Jordan Times Daily Guide

JORDAN TELEVISION

CHANNEL 8	CHANNEL 10
6:30 Quran	6:30 French programme
7:00 Morning show	7:00 News in French
7:30 News Bulletin	7:30 News in Arabic
8:00 Family time	7:30 Comics
8:30 Return to Peyton Place	8:00 The United Line
8:40 News in Arabic	10:00 News in English
8:50 Arabic series	10:15 Dallas
9:00 Arabic programme	
10:15 Dallas	
11:10 News in Arabic	

RADIO JORDAN

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6:30 Quran	6:30 News bulletin
7:00 Morning show	10:10 Music
7:30 News Bulletin	10:20 In Concert
8:00 Morning show	10:30 Concert hour
8:30 News headlines	10:40 News summary
10:00 Morning show	10:50 Easy listening
10:30 Faces and Places	11:00 50th Anniversary
11:00 Sign off	11:00 Country music
12:00 Sign off and news headline	11:00 News Summary
13:00 Radioheque	11:05 Play of the week
13:03 Radioheque	11:10 News bulletin
	11:20 Sign off

BBC RADIO

GMT	GMT
04:00 News	15:00 Radio Newswatch
04:10 Newsweek	15:15 Outlook
04:30 Culture Notebook	16:00 News, Commentaries
04:45 Financial News, Reflections	16:15 Monte Carlo
05:00 News, 24 Hours	16:45 World Today
05:30 Sarah Ward	17:00 News
05:45 World Today	17:00 Backs and Writers
06:00 Newsdesk	17:30 Talk one
06:30 Opera Star	17:45 Sports Round-up
07:00 Sarah Ward	18:00 News, News about Britain
07:30 Sarah Ward	18:15 Radio Newswatch
07:45 Beginner's Place	18:30 The Farming World
08:00 News, Reflections	19:00 Unlucky, News Summary
08:30 News, News Review	19:30 50th Anniversary
09:00 World Today	19:45 News, 24 Hours
09:30 Financial News	20:00 The Pleasure Years
09:45 Look Ahead	21:15 Talkback
10:00 News, 24 Hours	21:45 Nature Notebook
10:15 World U.K.	22:00 News, World Today
10:30 Unlucky	22:25 Financial News
11:00 News, News about Britain	22:55 Book Choice, Reflections
11:15 Alphabet of Musical Curves	23:00 Sports Round-up
11:30 Sports International	23:05 News, Commentaries
12:00 Radio Newswatch	
12:15 Sports	
12:45 Sports Round-up	
13:00 News, 24 Hours	
13:30 The Pleasure Years	
14:15 Laura Ashley	

VOICE OF AMERICA

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07:30 The Breakfast show	19:00 News Roundup, reports, opinion, analysis
08:30 News, Pop music, features	19:30 VOA Magazine, Americas
09:00 News, question	20:00 Science, culture, letters
10:00 News Roundup, reports, opinion, analysis	20:30 Special English, news
11:00 Dialect	20:55 Music USA (Jazz)
11:30 Dialect	21:00 VOA World Report
11:45 News, English news feature	22:00 News, Correspondent's reports, background features, media comments, analysis
12:30 News, Music USA	

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ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
6:30 Bangkok, Bahrain	7:40 Damascus, London (BA)
7:15 Damascus (SA)	8:15 Damascus (SA)
8:15 Dhahran, Riyadh (SDH)	9:00 Frankfurt
11:00 Kuwait (KAC)	9:30 Rome
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Police	Al Sakhr (21057)
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Medical	Samah (21021)
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Northern	Pharm (21021)
Jabal Al Naser (56728)	Pharm (21021)

CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

Centre	Address
American Centre	Pharm (21021)
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Greek Institute	Pharm (21021)
Soviet Cultural Centre	Pharm (21021)
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Hossein Youth Club	Pharm (21021)
W.C.A.	Pharm (21021)
Y.W.C.A.	Pharm (21021)
Amman Municipal Library	Pharm (21021)
Universities of Jordan Library	Pharm (21021)
Chad Museum	Pharm (21021)
Folklore Museum	Pharm (21021)

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Service	Number
Ambulance (government)	75111
Civil defence rescue	2491-4
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36381-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	3711-3
Police headquarters	301-1
Nighttime patrol rescue police (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency	21111, 37777
Information Theatre	37011
Airport information (AJIA)	37011
Jordan Television	37111
Radio, English Section	37124
Post and tele. police	10
Fire headquarters	22900

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Centre	Address
Al Hamra Theatre	Pharm (21021)
Al Sha'b Art Gallery	Pharm (21021)
American Centre	Pharm (21021)
Arab Cultural Centre	Pharm (21021)
Bulgarian Cultural Centre	Pharm (21021)
British Cultural Centre	Pharm (21021)
Deutsche Demokratische Republik Cultural Centre	Pharm (21021)
French Cultural Centre	Pharm (21021)
Kalban Theatre	Pharm (21021)
National Museum	Pharm (21021)
Soviet Cultural Centre	Pharm (21021)
Spanish Cultural Centre	Pharm (21021)
Umm Al Qura Library	Pharm (21021)
Zahara Public Library	Pharm (21021)

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Service	Number
Ambulance (government)	118-339
Electric Power Co. (repair)	223-887
Fire headquarters	91
Information Theatre	9507
Municipal water service (emergency)	113-600
Time (in Arabic)	99

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U.K. enters 'worst 48 hours to date'

LONDON, Jan. 22 (R) -- With 1.5 million public service workers joining disruptive campaigns over pay, Britain today entered its worst 48 hours to date in its so-called winter of discontent.

The 1.5 million, who want pay rises up to 40 per cent, are low-paid workers -- such people as dustmen, road menders, gravediggers, hospital porters and ambulance men.

They are staging today's one-day strike to launch their pay campaign. Thousands of schools will stay shut today because caretakers and kitchen staff, some of whom earn only £32 for a 30-hour week, are joining the stoppage.

Tomorrow there is more misery

for commuters and travellers when train drivers stage their third one-day strike, bringing railways to a halt.

Miners, teachers and the nation's 500,000 civil servants, who want up to 30 per cent more pay, are among groups of workers watching the outcome of current strikes.

Brighter side

But there were two items of brighter news for Prime Minister

James Callaghan's labour government, battling to prevent a wage rise explosion and the attendant risk of a return to high inflation.

London's 2,300 ambulance men, after meeting Health Secretary David Ennals, reversed their decision not to mount an emergency service today.

But reserves of army ambulances, volunteer and police vehicles may still be needed in Cardiff, Birmingham and areas of Scotland where ambulance men are striking to the earlier ban.

The other gleam of hope came from talks in London between leaders of 100,000 lorry drivers whose stoppage is crippling some sections of industry, and the employer's body, the Road Haulage Association.

After six hours the talks were adjourned until tomorrow and the government's Conciliation Service chairman, Jim Mortimer, said he was "hopeful".

About 150,000 workers have been laid off in industry due to the drivers' strike. But essential food supplies are getting through to shops, said Agriculture Minister John Silkin.

Several municipally-run provincial airports are expected to close as baggage-handlers, firemen and security staff join today's stoppage.

Motorists passing through the River Mersey's two road tunnels linking Liverpool with Birkenhead are being asked to put their toll money in "honesty boxes" as the collectors are on strike.

Egypt, Sudan initiate integration agreement

CAIRO, Jan. 22 (R) -- President Anwar Sadat and Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri yesterday signed into law an agreement on integrating their countries in the social, economic and cultural spheres, the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported from Khartoum.

Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil said in Khartoum yesterday that the recommendations included the start of work to construct a road linking Egypt with the Sudan and the exchange of information on studies to unite the educational curricula in the two countries in 1981, MENA reported.

Mt. Khalil was addressing a joint session of the two countries' Parliaments meeting in Khartoum. He also said that drafts for the unification of labour and social welfare laws were under preparation.

The integration decisions, hoping to lay the foundations for unity between the two countries, were agreed by both presidents in Feb. 1974. The two countries are also members of a joint defence pact.

Sudanese Vice-President Al Rasheed Al Tahir Bakr told the two Parliaments that 35,000 acres of land has been cultivated by a joint Sudanese-Egyptian company. The company, he said, will cultivate one million acres of land within eight years.

Mt. Bakr said that other projects dealt with harnessing the Nile, revising development plans in both countries and forming companies for increasing livestock in both countries.

He also said the volume of trade between the two countries has increased by 90 per cent in the past four years to \$102 million this year. Trade exchanges between the two countries will be exempted from custom duties by 1981, he said.

Hong Kong continues to process Viet refugees

HONG KONG, Jan. 22 (R) -- More than 2,000 Vietnamese refugees have now been processed and taken off the freighter Huey Fong in Hong Kong, but the ship's Taiwanese captain is still being questioned about how he collected his human cargo.

Under new Hong Kong anti-tacketeet laws, ship captains face four years jail if convicted of sailing into the British colony's waters with unscheduled passengers.

The Huey Fong, crammed with almost 3,400 Vietnamese refugees, sailed into Hong Kong on Friday night. British authorities here, who had said

"no" as the vessel lay off the port for four weeks, finally gave in on humanitarian grounds. The refugees are being taken to an old air force base specially prepared to receive them.

About 100 Vietnamese refugees among 2,300 people stranded on board another freighter, the Tung An, in Manila Bay fly to Israel tomorrow. But there was little sign of any other early placements for most of their compatriots who arrived on Dec. 27. Only 224 have guaranteed places in Israel, France, West Germany, New Zealand and Switzerland.

PEKING, Jan. 22 (R) -- The Shanghai Municipal Council has decided to re-establish its religious affairs department and allow "religious patriotic organisations" to develop normal activities, Shanghai Radio reported.

It said in a broadcast a meeting of 800 "patriotic personages" of the Roman Catholic, Protestant, Buddhist and Islamic faiths and city officials was held in Shanghai on Jan. 9. Diplomatic sources said there had been other meetings of religious figures and municipal officials in China's largest city, but this appeared to have been the biggest so far.

Sources said last September that the Anglican Holy Trinity Cathedral in Shanghai was being repaired and would reopen for

worship. There had also been reports that renovation work was under way on the old Catholic cathedral in Canton.

Shanghai Radio said the Jan. 9 meeting in the city angrily exposed and criticised political extremists in the past for "undermining the (communist) Party's policy on religions and ruthlessly persecuting religious believers."

The broadcast said the disgraced "Gang of Four" extremist leaders had "wantonly vilified religious activities and ordered the abolition of all religious institutions and religious patriotic organisations in the municipality."

In an obvious reference to depredations during the cultural revolution, the radio said: "They ruthlessly persecuted religious

workers, causing extremely bad consequences. They also smashed churches, temples, cultural objects and historical artifacts and burned large quantities of books, records and files."

The radio said the meeting was told "that all false charges and slanders forced on patriotic personages in religious circles must be redressed, and that victims should also have their reputations restored."

The aim of the municipality was to "unite the masses of religious believers and religious figures to make contributions towards realising the four modernisations of agriculture, industry, science and technology and the military -- as soon as possible," the radio said.

All meetings of the new committee will be open to the public, unlike the CCD talks, and the opening session chaired by Algeria is scheduled to continue until April 27.

The disarmament conference which last July set up the new committee intended that it should have several additional members from the Third World and should be more closely linked with the United Nations, further to dilute the influence of the two super-powers.

As a companion to the new Geneva committee, the U.N. Disarmament Commission, on which all 151 member states are represented, will be revived as a deliberative body. It was set up in 1952 but has been dormant since 1965.

There is also provision for any U.N. state to make representations to the new committee and take part in subsequent discussions about them, the July conference decided.

It said the ultimate aim of forming the new committee was "complete disarmament under effective international control," but added: "The immediate goal is that of the elimination of the danger of a nuclear war and the implementation of measures to halt and reverse the arms race and clear the path towards lasting peace."

Countries taking part for the first time in the disarmament committee are Algeria, Australia, Belgium, Cuba, Indonesia, Kenya, Sri Lanka and Venezuela. They will join Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, East Germany, West Germany, Hungary, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Yugoslavia and Zaire which were members of the old CCD.

According to U.S. study Oil-rich Arab nations may be headed for financial trouble

SANTA MONICA, California, Jan. 22 (R) -- Saudi Arabia and other oil-rich Arab countries could be "spending themselves into trouble" because their future oil income may not be large enough to cover growth plans, according to a Rand Corporation study released today.

The study, which examines the economic potential of seven Arab states in the next ten years, said the major difficulty facing them is balance of payments.

"All the oil-rich countries (except Kuwait) want to grow faster and make greater foreign commitments than their oil income is likely to be able to keep up with..." the study said.

Rand Corporation is a private research firm, based in Santa Monica, with close ties to the U.S. Government. About 90 per cent of its studies are compiled under contract for the U.S. government.

The current 93-page study was sponsored by the Defence Department and prepared by Arthur Smithies, a World Bank consultant and economics professor at Harvard University.

Rand said forecasts in the study assume that world demand for oil, particularly Arab oil, will continue to increase.

Saudi Arabia will grow more rapidly over the next decade than other oil-rich states in the region, chiefly because of its willingness to import foreign labour and technology, the study said.

But serious inflation and the threat of balance of payments deficits as early as 1985 may force the Saudis to modify ambitious development plans, the study said.

Kuwait was in a more favourable position, according to Rand, because it had set lower development sights.

Besides Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, the study identified Iraq and Libya as the other oil-rich Arab states. Egypt, Jordan and Syria were described as oil-poor.

The future of the oil-poor will be affected by the rich and much will depend on the importance Saudi Arabia attaches to aiding the poor states, the study said.

Uganda claims Tanzanians 'annihilated'

NAIROBI, Jan. 22 (R) -- Uganda said today it had "completely annihilated" invading Tanzanian forces which it accused of occupying western areas of the country at the weekend.

Speaking by telephone from Kampala, a Ugandan Government spokesman said another fierce engagement had taken place at a different point on the Uganda-Tanzania border, where Ugandan MiG jet fighters had helped to destroy a Tanzanian convoy moving into Uganda.

Tanzanian authorities have so far made no comment on the Ugandan claims but both countries have accused each other of border incursions over the last three and a half months.

The Ugandan spokesman told Reuters that three small towns in western Uganda which had been

seized by Tanzanian forces were recaptured late yesterday.

The spokesman said the other clash took place near the border town of Mutukula, close to the shores of Lake Victoria. The Ugandans attacked a large convoy of Tanzanian military vehicles with ground forces backed up by MiG fighters. "The convoy was broken up and heavily damaged. Mutukula is littered with the wreckage of Tanzanian vehicles,"

he said.

The latest reports of border incidents came as Uganda marked the eighth anniversary of the military coup which brought President Amin to power in 1971.

Ugandan sources here said tight security precautions had been introduced throughout Uganda following an appeal last week by former Ugandan President Milton Obote for an armed uprising against President Amin.

Taiwan arrests 2 for alleged anti-government conspiracy

TAIPEI, Jan. 22 (AP) -- Authorities here arrested two men and seized secret documents and evidence indicating that China sent agents to Taiwan for sabotage and seditious

activities, the government said yesterday.

In a press release issued by the government information office yesterday the two defendants were identified as Yu Teng-fa, 76, of Kaohsiung in south Taiwan, and his 54-year-old son Yu Jui-yen.

The press release said the two were found to possess secret communist documents, including anti-government papers and letters of appointments. The elder Mr. Yu received a paper called "No. 1 order for revolution mobilisation," and other documents from his son, and they met with another defendant, Wu Tai-an, 55, of Changbua in central Taiwan, it said.

The release said Mr. Wu secretly returned to Taiwan from abroad last year and was later arrested by the security of officials, who seized at Mr. Wu's residence a communist appointment decree for the elder Mr. Yu to set up an organisation.

The case was referred to authorities for further investigation and a public hearing will be set later. The documents were not made available for inspection, nor were further details available.

World News Briefs

India's bank workers call off work-to-rule

NEW DELHI, Jan. 22 (R) -- India's 500,000 bank workers today called off a month-long work-to-rule and a national strike on Feb. 2 after reaching agreement on a cost-of-living allowance. The decision followed a meeting in the bank workers unions, managements and government. Details will be finalised in later meetings, the Press Trust (PTI) news agency reported. The industrial action had disrupted the country's economy with commerce and industry into serious cash problems. Several millions of dollars' cheques were lying uncollected.

Algerians to choose new president Feb

ALGIERS, Jan. 22 (R) -- Algerians will choose a new president to replace the late Houari Boumedienne in national elections, the government said yesterday. The result will be announced days later. The only candidate to contest the election will be by a congress of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) starts on Jan. 27.

Talks to focus on age-old church schism

ISTANBUL, Jan. 22 (R) -- Discussions aimed at ending nearly 1,000 years of schism between the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches are expected to begin in Istanbul within two months, according to Reuters. Metropolitan Meliton, dean of the Holy of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, confirmed an announcement Pope John Paul II last week that the dialogue would begin, praised the Pope's early reaction to the need for re-establishing relations between the two churches. In 1976, each church's commission consisting of two leading theologians, which is meeting separately. These will soon begin meeting as a joint commission.

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORDS

Unscramble these four Jumbles. One letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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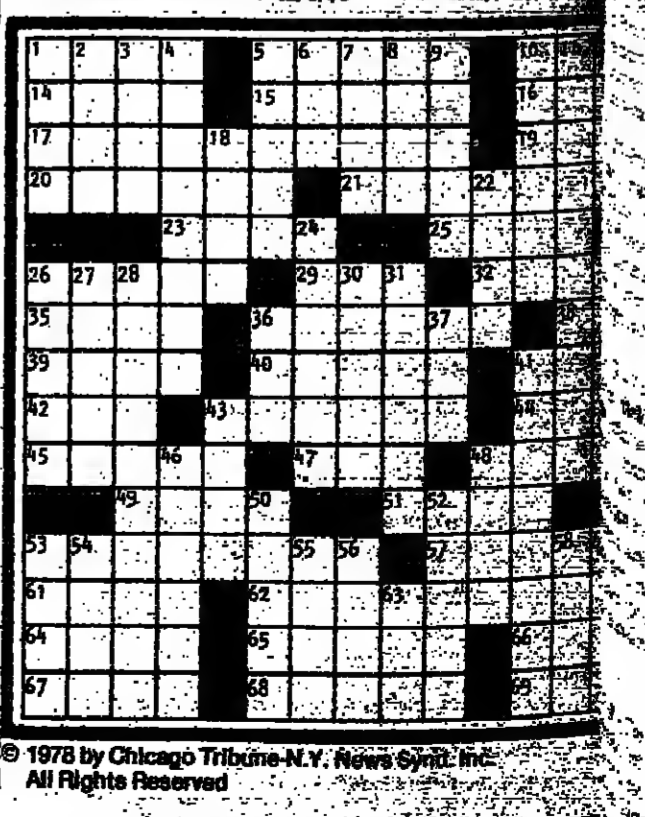
Jumbles: SUMAC, LADLE, DECENT, BONE
Answer: This small village has dramatic possibilities -- A "HAMLET"

THE Daily Crossword

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| ACROSS | 35 Tennis term | 53 Dessert |
| 1 Disable | 36 P.O. poster | 57 Two-way systems |
| 5 Plane | 37 word | 61 Cupid |
| maneuvers | 38 Kind of party | 62 Dessert |
| 10 Rent -- | 39 Letters | 64 Blue |
| 14 Cinema dog | 40 Rubinstein or Dvorak | 65 Mystery |
| 15 Chou -- | 41 Tony of the puppets | 66 Check |
| 16 -- libre | 42 -- moment | 67 Sweetshop |
| 17 Dessert | 43 (pronto) | 68 Money in the bank |
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| 21 Dessert | 46 Moslem religion | 1 Apples |
| 23 Paris land | 47 Auxiliary verb | 2 Court great |
| 25 Malay vessel | 48 Gives up season -- | 3 Adherents |
| 26 Unlaid the loan | 49 Bedouin head cord | 4 Fictional spaceman |
| 29 -- the | 50 Desiccated | 5 Philippines island |
| 32 Somebody -- (not mine) | | 6 Can. prov. |

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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SINORAS REJECT
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Geneva disarmament talks

For the first time in 17 years, France will take part in the revamped Geneva disarmament talks alongside fellow nuclear powers Britain, the United States and Soviet Union.

But China, the fifth country possessing atomic weapons, has not yet agreed to attend and observers say this will cast a shadow over the proceedings right from the start.

The enlarged Committee on Disarmament (C.D.), created by the United Nations General Assembly last year, is open to the five nuclear powers plus 35 other countries with each member taking the chair on a monthly basis in alphabetical order.

The old committee, which had expanded to 30 members from the original 17 when it wound up its work here last summer, had met continuously since 1962, but was boycotted by France and China because of its chairmanship which alternated between the Soviet Union and United States.

French sources here said Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet would attend the opening session to signal the importance Paris attaches to the new committee. "We hope it will be a real negotiating body rather than a forum of deliberation," the sources added.

Other foreign ministers expected to take part in the ceremonial opening are Sahul Hameed of Sri Lanka, Henri Simonet of Belgium, Andrew Peacock of Australia and Hans Blix of Sweden, U.N. officials said.

The new committee seeks the complete prohibition of all nuclear weapons tests and chemical weapons. The U.N. General Assembly has also asked it to find ways of protecting smaller countries against the threat of nuclear attack and stopping the production of fissionable material for military purposes.

In 1963 three members of the old committee -- Britain, the United States and the Soviet

GENEVA, (R) -- Ministers and diplomats from 39 countries will meet here this week in a fresh attempt to avert the dangers of nuclear war and halt a global arms race that costs at least \$400 billion every year.

Union -- signed a partial test ban treaty which banned nuclear tests in the atmosphere, outer space and under water. Since 1972 the committee has discussed extending this treaty to underground tests but failed to reach agreement.

Similarly, it debated for six years a treaty which would prohibit the development, storage and use of chemical weapons, but without success.

As well as its playing part in achieving the partial test ban treaty, the committee also produced

the 1968 non-proliferation treaty and the 1972 treaty banning nuclear weapons from the seabed.

In April 1972 the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (CCD) as it was called, also negotiated a convention banning biological weapons and in May 1977 agreed to renounce using the weather as a weapon of war.

China is scathing about the significance of these and other weapons limitation agreements between the United States and Soviet Union.

Peking took part in the U.N. General Assembly special session on disarmament last July, but said

afterwards: "Many representatives showed with facts the feverish armament expansion and war preparations being carried out by the two super-powers under cover of disarmament."

In an official statement distributed by the U.N., China added that there had been 228 resolutions on disarmament adopted by the world body since World War Two, as well as numerous bilateral and multilateral pacts.

"Despite all this, the armaments of the two super-powers, instead of reducing, have increased twofold or even tenfold," the Chinese statement added.

World spending on weapons during 1976, the last year for which statistics are available, totalled \$400 billion, according to the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

China will be officially absent when the 39 other delegations gather in the huge assembly hall at the U.N.'s European headquarters in Geneva on Wednesday, Chinese sources here said.

At the same time, Peking has

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